



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2634

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL
ACTION**
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is responsive to the final Official Action of October 18, 2002. The Claims have been amended to overcome the Claim objections and rejections under 35 USC §112 so that the issues are narrowed for further consideration or appeal. Moreover, these amendments help to further clarify the patentable distinctions over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the new grounds of rejection, and allowance of the present application for the reasons that will be described below. Alternatively, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment and Request for Reconsideration as narrowing the issues for further consideration on appeal.

The present Amendment and Request for Reconsideration includes a section entitled "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE" attached hereto.